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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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ROME FOR ILLING

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA)

SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF MRS. IMELDA R. MARCOS

1. IMELDA MARCOS INFORMS US THAT SHE WILL TRAVEL TO ROME ON MAY 23 IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN VATICAN CONSISTORY DURING WHICH JAIME CARDINAL SIN, ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA, WILL RECEIVE HIS RED HAT.

2. SHE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY GO TO PARIS ABOUT MAY 26 TO BE BRIEFED ON CITY PLANNING BY FRENCH FIRM WHICH SEEKS MAJOR CONTRACTS WITH HER IN HER CAPACITY AS GOVERNOR OF METRO MANILA. A PROGRAM FOR HER HAS BEEN ARRANGED BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

3. ON MAY 31, SHE WILL FLY TO MOSCOW TO JOIN PRESIDENT MARCOS DURING HIS STATE VISIT, WHICH WILL OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION. FIVE DAY TRIP IS PLANNED WITHIN SOVIET UNION.

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4. AFTER SOVIET TRIP, SHE WILL FLY TO VANCOUVER TO PARTICIPATE IN UN HABITAT CONFERENCE. SHE EXPECTS TO OBTAIN MAJOR UN ASSISTANCE IN SLUM CLEARANCE AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR MANILA.

5. HER RETURN TO MANILA IS EXPECTED TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NO LATER THAN JUNE 11, SO THAT SHE CAN PARTICIPATE IN PHILIPPINE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS JUNE 12.

6. FOR ROME: THERE IS REPORT THAT IMELDA WILL HOST LARGE RECEPTION FOR FILIPINO COMMUNITY IN ROME MAY 27, PRESUMABLY RETURNING FROM PARIS FOR THAT PURPOSE. IF HENRY CARDINAL LODGE IS IN RESIDENCE, HE MAY WISH TO MAKE APPROPRIATE OBEISANCE. IN ANY EVENT, CARDINAL SIN IS WORTH A MASS.

7. FOR DEPARTMENT: THERE ARE NO RPT NO CURRENT INDICATIONS THAT IMELDA'S TRAVEL FROM MOSCOW TO VANCOUVER WILL TRANSIT U.S. IT IS PLANNED AS TRANSPOLAR FLIGHT. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY IS ALFSH PREVALENT.
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